

## Directive



# Police Authority Shared with Other Law Enforcement Organizations

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## Authority and Coverage

The Chief of Police serves as the chief executive officer of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) and is responsible for the day-to-day operation and administration of the USCP.

This Directive was developed to define the jurisdictional and operational responsibilities of the USCP, Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia (MPDC), and United States Supreme Court Police in relation to the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds, as reflected in applicable laws and regulations.

This policy may be revised at the discretion of the Chief of Police, consistent with applicable law, rule, and regulation.

## Definition(s)

None.

## General Policy

### Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia (MPDC)

#### U.S. Capitol Buildings and Grounds

Members of the MPDC are authorized to make arrests within the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds for any violations of any laws or regulations of the District of Columbia. However, such authority must NOT be construed as authorizing MPDC to enter such buildings to make arrests in response to complaints or to serve warrants or patrol the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds EXCEPT with consent of or upon the request of the Capitol Police Board.

#### Supreme Court Buildings and Grounds

Members of the MPDC are authorized to make arrests within the Supreme Court Building and Grounds for violations of any laws or regulations of the District of Columbia. However, such authority must NOT be construed as authorizing MPDC to enter the Supreme Court Building to make arrests in response to complaints, or to serve warrants or patrol the Supreme Court Building or Grounds EXCEPT with the consent or upon request of the Marshal of the Supreme Court or the Marshal's assistants.

### United States Supreme Court Police

The Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police have the authority, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Marshal and approved by the Chief Justice of the United States, to do the following:

1. Police the Supreme Court Building and Grounds and adjacent streets for the purpose of protecting persons and property.
2. Protect in any location:
  - a. The person of the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and any official guest of the Supreme Court.
  - b. The person of any officer or employee of the Supreme Court, while such officer or employee is engaged in the performance of official duties.
3. Make arrests for any violation of a law of the United States or any state and any regulation under such law in the performance of duties necessary for carrying out item one of this subsection.
4. Make arrests for any violation of a law of the United States or any state and any regulation under such law in the performance of duties necessary for carrying out item two of this subsection.
5. Carry firearms as required for the performance of duties under U.S. Code Title 40, Section 6102, and subchapter 4.

## Responsibilities/Procedures

None.

## Additional Information

Before an outside law enforcement agency (i.e., FBI, USMS, etc.) may make arrests or serve warrants within the U. S. Capitol Buildings and Grounds, this effort must be coordinated through the Office of the Chief of Police and only with the consent of the Board.

## References

The following publications should be referenced in conjunction with this Policy Directive:

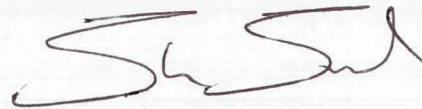
- USCP SOP AC-000-61, "Admittance of Law Enforcement Officers/Agents with Firearms into the Capitol Buildings."
- USCP SOP AC-000-70, "Requesting Assistance from Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or Military District of Washington (MDW)."
- USCP SOP OS-100-37, "Providing Law Enforcement Services to Postal Square."

## Cancellation

This Directive cancels Directive 1010.001, "Police Authority Shared with Other Law Enforcement Organizations," issued May 28, 2012, and supersedes and replaces any related Department publication consistent with applicable law, rule, or regulation.

## Appendices

None.



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